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rubber; chloroprene rubber; silicone rubber; nitrile rubber; fluorine rubber; and urethane rubber. Among these elastomers, particularly, olefin-based elastomers and styrene-based elastomers are preferred because of being able to provide an elastomer composition having excellent moldability, rubber elasticity and scratch resistance. Particularly preferably, when an olefinic elastomer of an ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer having 20% by weight or more of an  $\alpha$ -olefin, and a styrene-based elastomer obtained by hydrogenating a styrene-diene block copolymer are used as component (C) of the present invention, can be obtained a thermoplastic composition having further excellent strength and oil resistance.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

--9. The thermoplastic elastomer composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene- $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer, propylene- $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer, ethylene and organic acid ester copolymer, polybutene, poly-4 methyl-pentene-1, novoltene resin, polycyclohexadiene, styrene-based elastomers, polyisoprene, random copolymers of polybutadiene and polystyrene, natural rubber, gum balata, acryl rubber, chloroprene rubber,